

Department of Genetics

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Dear Ralph:

As you may well already have been informed I am moving to the Department of Genetics at Stanford University next spring. Accompanying this letter are the documents required for application to make funds available to Stanford University in place of those which are currently supporting my research program here at Wisconsin under grant C-2157 (C10). I trust that these are in correct order and that they will present no difficulty as far as administration of the transfer is concerned.

I expect to be actually on the spot at Stanford not later than February 1, 1959 and I have dated the new applications accordingly. As will be verified by accompanying letters from Stanford authority, my formal appointment at Stanford University will take effect the first of the year. This leaves some leeway for an interim, especially as I may have to travel back and forth once or twice for other business. It is possible that it would facilitate the prompt arrival of necessary equipment if the grant at Stanford could be made effective as of January 1 and if so this will be indicated by covering correspondence. The main purpose of such an advance beginning date would be to allow for purchase of equipment so that it can be actually on hand when we transfer our laboratory operations on the first of February.

The Stanford environment, and by this I mean the splendid people who will be my colleagues on the faculty of the Medical School and the University, promises to be a splendid situation for the continuation of the research we have been doing here at Wisconsin and for the extension of similar principles into related areas, for example the problems of cellular genetics such as antibody formation. In any case I would like to stress that this move to the Department of Genetics at Stanford University does not imply any diversion of interest from the central program of research on the genetics of bacteria in its fundamental aspects.

With best regards.

Yours sincerely,

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